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1. AN XUYEN PROVINCE CHIEF INFORMED THE INTERPROVINCE
REPRESENTATIVE

AND THE AN XUYEN VICE CONSUL ON APRIL 18 THAT RON MOREAU OF
NEWSWEEK

AND OLIVIER TODD OF THE NOUBELLE OBSERVATEUR HAD DISAPPEARED INTO
VC

BASE AREA 482 IN MORTHEAST AN XUYEN. THE PROVINCE CHIEF FURTHER
STATED

WHEN HE HEARD THAT THE TWO JOURNALISTS WISHED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH
THE

VC HE TRIED TO HEAD THEM OFF. THE SPECIAL BRANCH LOST CONTACT BE-
FORE THE TWO JOURNALISTS WERE SEEN BY THE LOCAL POPULACE DIS-
APPEARING INTO VC TERRITORY IN THE COMPANY OF GUERRILLAS.

2. THE AN XUYEN PROVINCE CHIEF HAS SENT OUT A FULL ALERT AND CLAIMS
TO HAVE SET UP ROAD BLOCKS. IF HE GETS HIS HANDS ON THE TWO JOURNAL-

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ISTS, HE INTENDS TO DESTROY THEIR FILM AND SEE THAT THEY ARE ESCORTED
DIRECTLY TO SAIGON.

3. BOTH MOREAU AND TODD SPENT THE NIGHT OF APRIL 17 WITH THE VICE
CONSUL. NEITHER MENTIONED THEIR PLAN TO ENTER VC TERRITORY. AS OF
AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19 NEITHER JOURNALIST HAS REAPPEARED. THE
PROVINCE CHIEF PROMISED TO INFORM THE VICE CONSUL AS SOON AS THE
JOURNALISTS WERE APPREHENDED.

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